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Title:	An Animal Feed Additive Containing Humates and a Method of Using this Additive
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MAIL STOP AMENDMENT  
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Sir:

**RESPONSE TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION**

The Examiner mailed an Office Action on May 21, 2004. In that Office Action, original method claims 1-18 were rejected. Claims 1-5 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112. Claims 1-3, 6-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by GB 1263841. Claims 11-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by or in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over GB 1263841. Finally, Claims 1-6, 9-10 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lown (US Patent 5626881). In response to that Office Action, please amend the claims as follows: